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DIGGER OF GRAVES GERMAN OFFENSIVE "VICE SQUAD" MEN ASKS 50,000 VOLUNTEERS; TELLS OF STRUGGLE AT VERDUN ENDS IN ARE READY TOSTAND ON SMALL WAGE FAILURE, PARIS SAYS TRIAL ON SATURDAY

Arlington Cemetery Employe Military Critics See Shifting At- Howes and Elliot Accept Serv-Before House Committee Hearing on Nolan Bill.

Committee-Wife Takes in Sewing to Help.

Arlington Cemetery - where nts tower above the restlaces of a nation's heroes, where patriotic speeches occasionally inspire arest multitudes to cheers, and where the pomp and ceremony of military purials are staged—there came today, before a House committee, an humble gravedigger with a story of how he tries to support a family on \$40 a month. This gravedigger, paid from the Treas-ury of the United States, had clinging to a worn-out suit and rundown shoes the clay from new-made graves. It was raining without-but graves must be

dug whatever the weather may be. During his faltering story he told the House Committee that there were five graves to be dug at Arlington today-

Crushed and Discouraged. The grave digger was a big man phy-

sivally. His mud bespattered form was the conspicuous thing in a committee room filled with the advocates of the Noian bill which requires that the rich Noisa bill which requires that the rich United States Government shall pay no employe less than \$3 per day.

Despite the physical strength of this gravedigger, however, he was at heart crushed and discouraged. His story was interrupted by a choking feeling in the throat; his lips quivered and the tears came to his eyes.

Congressman Noiam at this juncture, aided the witness to regain his composure by talking to him of the comparative cost of housekeeping now and a few years ago.

The scene reminded some of Shakespeare's "Hamlet," but even in this melanchely piay the gravedigger was a man of jest and an easy-going philosopher. The gravedigger who told an innustal story today to the House subcommittee on labor.

struggle on a salary of \$40 a month,

Story of Struggle. Out of this \$40 a month, he testified, must be paid \$8 per month for what is called a house near Falls Church. An additional \$5 per month goes for car fare for the journeys to and from his home. Out of the remainder must be furnished food, clothing, and medicine for a family of rour. "The cheapest thing we can get to eat," said the gravedigger when Mr. Nolan questioned him, "is navy beans and hominy. That is what we are bringing up the children on. I remember when beans were 8 cents a quart; now they are 20 cents per quart."

"Get your wife to make out a statement of what it cost to keep house when you were first married." said Mr. Nolan. "Then have her mark down the price of some of the things you have and some of the things you need now."

Near Breakdown. An additional \$5 per month

Near Breakdown. It was this request from Mr. Nolan that enabled the cemetery laborer to continue his story when he was about

to break down.

"Do you have a garden?" he was saked.

"T have one," he replied, "but I have little time left for gardening. I go to work at a quarter to 7 and get home after 5 o'cleck. A fellow hasn't much (Continued on Page Twelve.)

for a local telephone message sent from a hotel was filed with the l'ublic Utilities Commission today by H. P. Jones. Mr. Jones says it is his understanding that there are three hotels in Washington which charge a uniform rate of 10 cents for local messages. He saks whether, under the public utilities law, this is not a discriminating charge.

Under the rate schedule filed with the commission by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company the charge for a local message is 5 cents. While the question has not yet been referred to him officially Conrad' H. Syme, general counsel, said today that it might be possible for the commission to order the telephone company to discontinue the service furnished a hotel whose charges exceed the rates filed with the commission.

General Counsel Syme will submit to the commission an opinion on the question within the next few days.

Reichstag Fight May Not Develop

Agreement Between von Tirpitz and Bethmann-Hollweg

Factions Hinted.

HERLIN, March 22.—Open debate in the Reichstag over the government's submarine policies and relations with America may be suppressed by agreement of the von Tirpitz and Bethmann-Hollweg factions, it was hinted today. A special committee of the Reichstag met this afternoon to consider the resolutions directing the chancellor to enter into no agreement with foreign powers restricting the use of U-boats, it was reported that consideration of the resolutions may be indefinitely post-poned.

Canvass of the Reichsteg is said to have convened the von Tiepitz element that Bethmann-Hollweg has a safe ma-jority and that a fight would be use-

tack as Confession of German Disaster.

MONTH LOSSES REACH 200,000 MEN PERSONAL BONDS

Lists Expenses at Request of Allied Conference at Paris Be- Warrants Issued Following Con-Disaster Greatest Since Marne Defeat.

> BERLIN, March 22,-Russian troops commanded by General Kuropatkin continue their violent assaults against von Hindenburg's front on a wide sector south and southeast of Riga, the war office announced this afternoon. All Russian attacks, however, have been repulsed.

German troops have captured more trenches in the Avocourt woods, northwest of Verdun, the war office announced.

PARIS, March 21.-The third and probably the last phase of the Verdun battle has ended, according to dispatches received here today. The German successes in Avocour

wood were of minor importance, French

military men declare, constituting only an admission of German failure else-It is not believed the Germans will

renew their heavy assaults on the north-ern front of Verdun, at least not soon. Drive Has Ended.

fore, to talk about using the interlude to mass fresh forces than it is to carry

military and political conference are all smiles. They are confident that the

"If Germany has been fought to a sel to resist the action, the officers were standard at Verdun while the other noncommittal. Questioned as to whether

embankment near here. Three trainmen received minor injuries.

The wind lifted a heavy steel sleeper

Protests 10 Cent

Telephone Tolls

H. P. Jones Complains and Ask:
Ruling by Public Utilities
Commission.

Protest against a charge of 19 cents for a local telephone message sent from a hotel was filed with the 1 ubilic Utilities (A hotel was filed with the 1 ubilic Utilities (A heavy steel sleeper from the rails as the train was speeding to make up lost time. The sleeper was dropped down the side of the embankment, but did not turn over.

Excited passengers who rushed out of the car had their nightclothes whipped off by the gale.

Fire destroyed a drugstore in Marion with a loss of \$25,000, while the gale was at its helpht. The wind unroofed a school house and two factories.

The wind claimed one life at Jalapa, near here, when a chimney has blown down. The bricks fell through the roof of the farm house of R. Williams on to the bud. Williams was killed and his wife seriously injured.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., March 22.-One man was killed and many injured here last night, the result of a terrific windstorm that swept through the city. Prop-

erty was damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars. The roof of a broom factory was blown off, creshing into the home of Benjamin Ricketts and killing W. J. Ricketts.

Oliver Replies to Reed Insinuations

Admits to Owning 1,000 Shares Steel Preferred-Denies It's Worth. \$500,000.

Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania today skated close to the edges of the "short and ugly" in a brief speech replying to Senator Reed's alleged insinuations yesterday that Oliver's ownership of \$400,000 worth of steel stock may have influenced him in opposing the Govern-

ment armor plate plant. "The Senator either made an enor mous mistake in calculation or deliberately stated something which was not true," said Senator Oliver, rising not true," said Senator Oliver, rising to a question of personal privilege to correct Reed's \$500,000 figure. Senator Oliver said he owned 1,000 shares of Steel preferred, but that its market value was \$117,000, and not \$5000,000.
"I call attention to the Senator's misstatement and failure to take advantage of an opportunity to correct it," said Senator Oliver, saying Senator Reed had promised to make the correction in the Congressional Record.
Senator Oliver declared his personal interests had never been considered in his legislative conduct.

ice of Warrants at District Attorney's Office.

ference Between Mrs. Kennett and Laskey.

Detective Mason L. Howes, acting head of the "vice squad," and John B. Biliot, temporarily assisting in the vice crusade, will be tried in the United States branch of the Police Court Saturday on the charge of unlawfully entering the residence of Mrs. Rose Kennett. 331 and 328 Delaware avenue north

The officers, against whom warrants were issued late yesterday attarnoon. appeared in the office of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given, in the Police Court Building, at 11:30 today and socepted service of the warrant.

The men asked that their trial be continued until Saturday, and their personal bond was taken for their reease until that date.

The warrant against the men charges that they "without legal authority did enter and attempt to enter a private dwelling at 326 and 528 on Delaware avenue northeast, against the will and consent of Rose Kennett, lawful occupant there, and did refuse to quit the same on the demand of the lawful occupant."

Confer With Laskey. The charge against the officials resuited after a conference held in the office of United States District

Thus a great German drive, precipitated early in the year by the phenomenal spring-like weather, has ended in what the French believe is the biggest German disaster since the defeat at the Marne.

Nearly 200,000 specially trained young German treach stormers have been either killed or put out of commission by wounds in the four weeks of the Upon being advised of the suance of the outcome of the case.

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ars. Kennett and Attories Foster of the details surrounding the entry of her residence by the vice squad officers.

Detective Howes and Policeman Elliot refused to discuss the case. To all inquiries the chorused this response: "I haven't a word to say."

Officers Are Silent.

When asked if they had retained counsel to resist the action, the officers were noncommittal. Questioned as to whether they were authorized specifically to enter the Kennett home the men refused to answer. When asked if they had a warrant for that address in Delsware avenue, the defendants still maintained their reticence.

According to Mrs. Kennett's story in

standstill at Verdun while the other fronts were weather-locked, what will happen when ever ally is free to take (Continued on Third Page.)

Cyclone Derails

Speeding Trains

Passengers Have Nightclothes Whipped Off by Gale in Indiana.

MARION, Ind., March 22.—Twenty-seven Pullman passengers narrowly escaped injury early today when a wind of cyclonic force swept three cars of a Clover Leaf passenger train down an embankment near here. Three train-

Calls Entry Unwarranted.

She said that she was prepared to how that her premises had always free from any disorder, and she been free from any disorder, and she maintained that the entry of the officers was wholly unwarranted. Since the issuance of the warrant for Howes and Elliot, Mrs. Kennett has employed Attorney's Turnage and Quinn to be associated with her counsel. Attorney John C. Fester. Mr. Foster today expressed gratification that the District Attorney's office had decided to prosecute the officers. He said that he would give Assistant District Attorney Given any assistance neded presenting to the Police Court all angles of the case.

when asked if Mrs. Kennett contemplated any civil action against Howes and Elliot; Attorney Foster said that he still was investigating the advisability of instituting other proceedings. Talk to Pullman.

Both of them reported today to the office of Major Pullman. There they were interviewed by their chief. were interviewed by their chief.

Policeman Howes was assigned to the "vice squad" two years ago, after the enactment of the Kenyon red light law. Elliott, who had worked on violations of the excise law cases in the third precinct, in the guise of a sallor, and who was instrumental in making many of the arrests in the "improper literature and pictures" crusade a few weeks ago, was but recently detailed to the squad. He was named temporarily in the place of Policeman McDonald.

BUCHAREST, March 2:.-The 7.000-ton lerman steamer Esperanza, carrying food supplies to Constantinopie, was torpedoed and sunk by a Russian war-ship off the Roungalian port of Kaliakra, Sunday, according to delayed dispatches received today. The crew has been imprisoned. The Espernanza was flying the Span-ish and Roumanian flags.

Cape Kaliskra lies just north of the Bulgarian Black Sea port of Varna. It is possible that the Esperanza was in-terned in Varna at the outbreak of the war and attempted the dash to Con-stantinople from that port.

HUNT MISSING AVIATORS SENATE RESOLUTION VILLA'S PURSUERS IN CALLS FOR MEN TO SERVE IN MEXICO

Sherman Declares U. S. Is Many American Soldiers Drop Trifling With Lives of Men and National Honor.

SAYS ARMY IS UNPREPARED MEN NOT USED TO CLIMATE

Asks 50,000 Volunteers to Returners Tell of Suffering as Fight Until Villa Is Either Killed or Captured.

A resolution authorizing the President to issue a call for 50,000 volunteers for Senate today by Senator Sherman, IIlineis. He aid not ask its immediate

The resolution was allowed to lie on the table without debate. Fherman made a brief statement, declaring de-velopments in Mexico show the army is

the army reorganization bill. Senator Chamberlain today called up once more the bill to double the number of cadets at West Point. The discussion of this bill was renew ed at the close of morning business.
After it is disposed of, Senator Cham-berlain intends to call up the army bill and endeavor to have it considered ffrom now on practically to exclusion of

other business.

Senator Lodge had a resolution adopted by the Senate calling on the WarDepartment for a statement of the number of men in the country who have been trained to arms in the last ten

Forces favoring closer national con-trol of the national guards were again defeated in the House. An amendment to Have bill by Tilson of Connecticut.

10,000 Homeless By Paris, Tex., Fire

Causing Damage Between

the arrests in the "improper literature and pictures" crusade a few weeks ago, was but recently detailed to the squad. He was named temporarily in the place of Policeman McDonald.

German Ship Sunk;

Flew Two Flags

Black Sea Steamer's Crew Is Captured by Russian Warship.

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Today there is not a drygoods store, drug store, wholesale grocery or hotel left in Paris. Only a few retail groceries remain. The only restaurants are two railroad eating houses.

Mayor Mitchel Has Conference With Wilson

Mayor Mitchel, of New York, who precipitated something of a disturbance at the recent St. Louis conference of mayors by declaring for compulsory willtary service, told President Wilson about it today. He had a half hour conference with the President today.

EPIDEMICS

U. S. TROOPERS STRICKEN;

Out With Pneumonia and Dysentery.

Columns Push Through Semi-Tropical Country.

EL PASO, March 22.-American solliers, unaccustomed to weather condi-Mexican service was introduced in the tions south of the border, are dropping out with pneumonia and dysentery Seven sol·liers who reached El Pass today for treatment in the Fort Bilsa military hospital, told how sickness was thinning the ranks of Pershing's

> The intense heat of the semi-tropic desert country is claiming its victime by day, they asserted, and the extreme cold of the Mexican nights has resulted in a pneumonia epidemic of serious pro-portions. Insufficient water caused much suffering.

After months of camp fare along the border, many soldiers have found it impossible to march on the rations allowed by the quartarmanter. In the last, hurried hours of their departure.

One week of marching on a diet of beans, bacon, coffee, and bread has placed many soldiers under the care of physicians and the more seriously afflicted are being sent back to the border as rapidly as possible.

Private R. J. Harding, of Company A. sixteenth Infantry, the latest arrival today said pneumonia was prevalent in the column.

When dysentery was discovered in the ranks the medical corps immediately increased precautions against the use of impure water. Sanitary precautions also were redoubled. Dysentery, one of the greatest terrors of an array on the (Continued on Second Page.)

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Old Glory Is Brought Out From Hiding Places as Dodd's Cavalry Enters Town.

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.-Women cissed American soldier rescuers, men heered, and Old Glory was brought out rom hiding places when Colonel Dodd's cavalry rode into Cassa Grandes after record march to the relief of the Mormon colony.

The story was told by Mormons Children carried the tired, dusty troop ers water, fruit and other refreshments,

while the men of the colony turned over their alfalfa and farm products to the army. Women assisted in cooking for

By Paris, Tex., Fire

Flames Sweep Thirty Blocks,
Causing Damage Between

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Two and Three Millions.

PARIS, Tex., March 22.—Two-thirds of the residential and business districts of Paris were wiped out by flames which today had left a funnel-shaped wake of destruction from two to ten blocks wide across the city.

The loss is estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Work of relieving the sufferings of the homeless and destitute started today.

Pully one-half of the population of 20.—800 is shelterless. Urgent appeals for groceries and money are going out to neighboring cities.

So far as known there were no casualties.

Starting in the warehouse of the Lang

Sherman, Fifteenth and L streets northwest.

His last illness was brief. He was taken to his bed only last Friday night.

Dr. Patrick was in charge of the dairy laboratory of the department. His greatest work was done at Lawrence, Kans., as professor of chemistry in Kansas State University, where he was engaged following his graduation from Cornell University.

He spent several years there, and later, about six years at the university at Ames, long lefter coming to Washington.

He was born a legicale, Mass., October 22, 1851

He was a memoer of the Cornell Club of Washington and one of the organizers of the University Club of



Above-LIEUT, ROBERT H. WILLIS. Below-LIEUT. EDGAR S. GOR-

Crowds of Relatives and Wellwishers See Troopers Leave Fort Myer.

Under the most cheerless conditions for leavetaking, but with crowds of relatives and well wishers surrounding them, the officers and troopers of the Fifth United States Cavalry left Rosslyn, Va., en route from Fort Myer to somewhere on the border," today. The last of the three trains bearing the troops left the Rosslyn siding of the Pennsylvania railroad a few minutes before 1 o'clock. The first train pulled out just before 10 and the second departed shortly before noon.

Col. Wilbur Wilder, commanding the regiment, and the officers of his staff. were the last to board the train and the last to take leave of friends who went to bid them farewil.

Co:on! Wilder said be was under or(Continued on Second Page.)

Rain, Snow and Cold Due Here Tonight

Rain and snow and colder weather are due to arrive in the Capital tonight according to the Weather Bureau. A storm which is centered this morning over the Ohio Valley is coming this way at great speed and is accompanied by high winds and considerable snow-fall throughout that region. Indica-tions are that the full force of the storm will strike Washington late to-night, bringing rain at first and later turning into snow.

Tomorrow will be partly cloudy and colder.

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Color. The storm, which yesterday morning was just east of the Rocky mountains, has made a record sweep across the continent, covering the distance in about half the time it usually takes, according to the Weather Bureau.

FOR AERONAUTS LOST IN DESERT

Scouting Parties Scour Foothills of Sierra Madres for Two Young Officers.

SNIPERS BLAMED BY SOME

Columbus Commandant Scoffs at Theory, But Gravest Anxiety Is Expressed.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 22. -Scouting parties composed of aviators, motor truck drivers, cavalrymen and infantry are scouring the desert country in the foothills of the Sierra Madres today searching for two United States army aviators who have been missing since Sunday.

The missing men are Lieut. Robert H. Willis and Lieut. Edgar S. Gerrell, both experienced airmen, whose fate has caused eminous speculation and great suspense among other members of the aero squadron and at military headquarters here.

SHORT RATIONS. Anxiety over the fate of the two army aviators was heightened by the fact that they carried with them only three deys' rations and smell canteens

filled with water. The fact that two aviators and their machines which left here early Sunday falled to report to Capt. Benjamin D. Foulois at the advance base in the field in Mexico is believed to be more than

in Mexico is believed to be more than a coincidence.

While Major W. M. Sample, commandant here, discredits the story that the aviators were orought down by snipers, others believe either the activities of snipers or serious accidents are responsible for the disappearance of the men and their machines.

Captain Foulois, to whom the missing men were to have reported early Monday, waited until yesterday afterness before giving them up. He sent a wireless message to Major Sample, advising him of the fallure of the two licitinants to report and asking that an investigation be started.

Immediate Steps Taken.

Immediate Steps Taken. Realizing that the two lieutenants were doomed to starvation in the burn-

were doomed to starvation in the burning desert, if they had not already perished by accidents, Major Sample took immediate steps looking to their rescue.

A number of motor trucks were dispatched into Mozice with orders to run at top speed to participate in the search for the missing men. Scores of cavalry scouts also were dispatched to participate in the search.

Captain Foulois, after communicating with Major Sample, sent un three aviators from the advance base in the field with instructions to remain aloft as long as daylight lasted and make every effort to locate the missing aeronicnes and lieutenants. The scouling aviators returned to the base last night without having found any trace of Lieutenants Wills and Gorrell or their machines.

Lost in Bad Country. Lost in Bad Country.

The country in which the two missing men are believed to have disappeared is one of the worst localities in all of Mexico. The route followed by the other six aeroplanes which left here with Lieu-tenants Willis and Gorrell was over 110

thants whills and Gorrell was over his miles of desert and mountains through the Casas Grandes valley, from which point the expeditionary forces are operating.

The zero scouts, motor truck drivers and members of the infantry and cavelly, squadrons searching for the missing members are carrying rations and water

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with which to relieve the suffering of
the lieutenants should they be found.
Neither of the men was accompanied
by a mechanician. This was cause for
further suspense, for even though the
men merely descended to repair their
machines or correct defects, the fact
that they were alone may have preciuded their being able to cope with
the situation which confronted them
and compelled them to remain helpless
in the desert or mountains.

126 GERMAN U-BOATS CAPTURED BY BRITISH

Nearly 5,000 Trawlers Engaged in Snagging Submarines.

One hundred and twenty-six German submarines have been captured by the British admiralty, according to an unofficial report which has reached the United States Coast Guard Service.

The report states that nearly 5,000 Ensish trawlers are engaged in snagging submarines, and that each trans-Atlantic liner, leaving the English coast has a path swept for it by a fleet of trawlers with steel submarine nets.